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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Re: Patent Application of Brad A. Armstrong

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Title: VARIABLE-CONDUCTANCE SENSOR

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REMARKS

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This is a Preliminary Amendment being made before the first Office Action on the merits of my above identified application. Responsive to a PTO Office Action date mailed 05/03/01, an election of Group III, a group drawn to a method of controlling a sensor was mailed to the PTO by U.S. Express Mail on Aug. 23, 2001.

Attached is an Information Disclosure Statement, Substitute for form 1449A/PTO and listing thereon are two Japanese documents; 1) 5-87760, and 2) JP7302159. I have been given these Japanese documents by a third party, and I cannot attest to the validity of these documents, their dates, or the English translations which I have included herewith for Patent Office consideration. Even though I cannot attest to the validity of